

# The Descent and Fall of David's Night

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## 2 Samuel 10-12

*2 Samuel 11:1-5 NKJV, ¶ It happened in the spring of the year, at the time when kings go out to battle, that David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the people of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. ¶ Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to behold. ¶ So David sent and inquired about the woman. And someone said, "Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" ¶ Then David sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him, and he lay with her, for she was cleansed from her impurity; and she returned to her house. ¶ And the woman conceived; so she sent and told David, and said, "I am with child."*

*"I cannot accept your canon that we are to judge Pope and King unlike other men, with a favourable presumption that they did no wrong. If there is any presumption it is the other way against holders of power...Power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely." —Lord Acton*

*"whoever wrote the early source in Samuel, is 'the father of history' in a much truer sense than Herodotus half a millennium later. As far as we know, he created history as an art, as a recital of past events dominated by a great idea...David's biographer was a man of genius. Without any previous models as guide, he wrote a masterpiece, unsurpassed in historicity, psychological insight, literary style, and dramatic power." —Dr. R. H. Pfeiffer*

## 1.) Chapter 10- David's Night Descends

### A.) A Foreshadowing of Shame

### B.) A Hint of Complacency

*2 Samuel 10:11-12 NKJV, ¶ Then he said, "If the Syrians are too strong for me, then you shall help me; but if the people of Ammon are too strong for you, then I will come and help you. ¶ Be of good courage, and let*

*us be strong for our people and for the cities of our God. And may the LORD do what is good in His sight."*

C.) The Ominous Send Motif Introduced

**2.) Chapter 11- David's Night Falls**

A.) David is the Honored One

*Deuteronomy 17:19-20 NKJV, **19** "And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes, **20** "that his heart may not be lifted above his brethren, that he may not turn aside from the commandment to the right hand or to the left, and that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he and his children in the midst of Israel.*

B.) David Acts Contrary to His Primary Kingly Characteristic.

C.) Just Like Pharaoh, David Takes the Woman in Desirable Appearance

D.) Just Like Pharaoh, David Executes His Three-Phase Plan of Progressing Ruthlessness to Deal With His Problem

E.) David's Primary Role is to Bear the Image of His Father

*1 Samuel 16:7 NKJV, "...For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."*

F.) Just Like Adam, David Disdains the Word of the Lord

*2 Samuel 12:9 NKJV, "Why have you despised the commandment of the Lord, to do evil in His sight?..."*

*"Never forget that when we are dealing with any pleasure in its healthy and normal and satisfying form, we are, in a sense, on the Enemy's (God's) ground...I know we have won many a soul through pleasure. All the same, it is His (God's) invention, not ours. He made the*

*pleasures; all our research so far has not enabled us to produce one. All we can do is to encourage the humans to take the pleasures which our Enemy (God) has produced, at times, or in ways, or in degrees, which He has forbidden. Hence we always try to work away from the natural condition of any pleasure to that in which it is least natural, least redolent of its Maker (God), and least pleasurable. An ever increasing craving for an ever diminishing pleasure is the formula. It is more certain; and it's better style. To get the man's soul and give him nothing in return-that is what really gladdens our father's (Satan's) heart." —from "The Screwtape Letters," By C.S. Lewis*

### **3.) Chapter 12- David's Unfaithfulness Serves To Emphasize God's Faithfulness**

*2 Samuel 12:13 NKJV, "...The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die."*

*Romans 3:25-26 NKJV, "...in Christ Jesus, **25** whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, **26** to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus."*

*Isaiah 53:2, "... There is no beauty that we should desire Him..."*